

## How Is Your Offering Helping Haiti?

**The need is great, and it will not diminish soon.**

Haiti now faces an emergency of huge proportions that requires both the immediate mobilization of resources for relief as well as for the long and challenging road of rebuilding and redevelopment. Long after the images have faded from the front pages of the news and the cyber-appeals have been deleted from our email, our sisters and brothers in Haiti will continue to face daily challenges that we cannot begin to comprehend.

**Your gift will go directly to two organizations who are helping now, and who will be there in the years to come.**

### **Episcopal Relief & Development**

Episcopal Relief & Development has a long track record of providing critical assistance when disasters strike, and helping to rebuild devastated communities. It works in partnership with the worldwide Church, ecumenical agencies and local organizations to save lives and strengthen communities around the world.

In Haiti, Episcopal Relief & Development is collaborating closely with the two dioceses to coordinate efforts. It is supporting the Rt. Rev. Jean Zaché Duracin, Bishop of Haiti, in supplying food, water and other needs to about 3,000 people in a tent city in Port-au-Prince. Episcopal Relief & Development has also partnered with IMA World Health to provide medical assistance in the capital city.

Operations are currently also running with and through the Dominican church. Supply convoys are going regularly from the Dominican Republic to meet needs in Haiti. Another partner Worldwide Village is providing helicopter support, enabling air drops of medical supplies and food into affected rural communities and parishes, including Gressier, Grand Colline and Trouin.

Episcopal Relief & Development is committed to supporting Haiti's ongoing rehabilitation in the years to come.

***“Jesus said, ‘You are the light of the world.’”***

***—Matthew 5:14***

## **The Colorado Haiti Project**

The Colorado Haiti Project has been engaged in community development work with the people of Petit Trou de Nippes, Haiti since 1989. The CHP works in conjunction with the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado, the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti, and Episcopal Relief & Development to bring long term development resources to the Nippes region. The programs of the CHP include a school for Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, the implementation of water wells, women's vocational programs, an annual primary care health clinic and support for local governmental health efforts, a women's health network of locally trained women, relationships with micro-credit programs. With these resources, CHP is developing local capacity for self-governance and conflict resolution. The programs of the CHP are offered to all members of the Nippes region.

### *CHP's Response to the Earthquake*

The CHP is not primarily a relief organization, but rather a long-term community development project. Nevertheless, the CHP has excellent relationships with relief organizations both in the US and in Haiti. CHP has expedited shipments of medical personnel, supplies and medications to Port au Prince in the wake of the earthquake. The first shipment was delivered on January 20, using resources obtained through Project CURE, Blessings International, and American Airlines. Five medical personnel associated with CHP are now in Haiti. Please pray for them along with all the Haitian people.

### *Status of the Nippes Region*

The original earthquake of January 12 was centered in Port au Prince. The damage to the community buildings in Petit Trou de Nippes was relatively minor, although some houses were damaged. We understand that the wells drilled in 2009 are generally still operational. Aftershocks are continuing in the region. The rural areas of Haiti are being inundated with refugees from Port au Prince. Food security is a longer term issue, because the distribution networks of Port au Prince have been interrupted. The CHP is working with public and private organizations to deliver rice and other food stuffs directly to the de Nippes region both in this emergency and for the longer term.

## **Thanks to a generous matching grant from the Anschutz Foundation, your gift will be multiplied.**

At Bishop O'Neill's request, the Anschutz Foundation has generously agreed to give the Diocese of Colorado a \$75,000 grant to match dollar for dollar your contributions to bring relief and aid to the people of Haiti.

In a recent Pastoral Letter that introduced this appeal, Bishop O'Neill said, "Because of this generous gift from the Anschutz Foundation, we in this diocese have been given a unique opportunity to let our light shine collectively during this season of light. I ask you to give generously."

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***—Bishop Robert O'Neill***